



EMA&HS QUARTERLY REPORT

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Update: Wind Storm Damage Assistance

As applicants continue to complete projects, and submit the required paperwork to the State and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), reimbursement dollars continue to flow into Franklin County.

Fifty-nine (59) applicants have successfully made it through the process. \$6,001,274.14 in projects were approved by FEMA. \$3,720,239.00 in reimbursement dollars have been granted to the jurisdictions.

\$3,720,239.00 in dollars has been granted thus far to jurisdictions.

There is a 75%-25% match so jurisdictions will receive 75% of their total approved submission.

FCEM&HS coordinated the damage assessment and the initial recovery operations.

The mission of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security is to coordinate county-wide disaster planning, community education, warning, training, grant funding, response, and recovery efforts to prepare and protect Franklin County before, during, and after natural and man-made disasters.

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Holiday Closures:

FCEM&HS will be closed the following dates for observed holidays:

May 25 — Memorial Day
July 3 — Independence Day

Special points of interest:

Remember to check our website for news releases, siren information, up-to-date information on training and exercises, and any timely information.

<http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/>

Job Change and New Hire at FCEM&HS

Susan Henry, has moved from the Administrative Assistant position and is now the Volunteer Coordinator for the agency.



Susan Henry

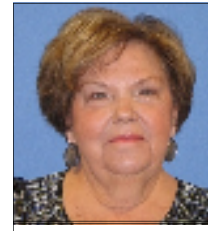
Susan will be coordinating the volunteer initiative for the agency and tackling some of the

volunteer issues such as background checks, credentialing, etc.

Please take the time to forward Susan best wishes as she tackles her new position with the agency.

Nancy Truesdell has joined the staff as the Office Manager.

Nancy may look familiar to many as she was the Administrative Assistant to Dr. Teresa Long, Health Commissioner, Columbus Public Health, for twenty-two



Nancy Truesdell

(22) years.

Please take the time to introduce yourself to Nancy and wish her well in her new position with the agency and as a new

Franklin County Employee.

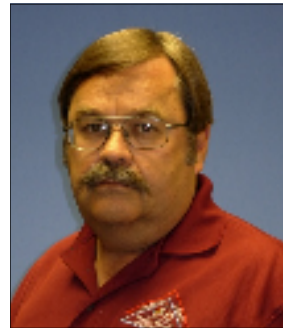
Spotlight on FCEM&HS Employee

Warning Manager, Art Baker, has been with FCEM&HS for ten (10) years.

Art retired from the City of Columbus Division of Police where he worked in the patrol division for eighteen (18) years before becoming the first Sergeant assigned to the Emergency Operations Center located in Police Headquarters. He held that position until his retirement from the police force.

Art started out as the Public Education Manager for EMA and moved to the Warning Manager position with the retirement of Patty Thompson.

Art has seen the system grow from one-hundred, twenty-five (125) sirens to



Art Baker
Warning Manager

one-hundred, fifty-seven (157) sirens with seventeen (17) more to be installed this year.

During this time, ten (10) of the older Thunderbolt sirens have been replaced, upgrading to a more modern and reliable system.

Siren Update

On March 25 2009 the state wide tornado siren drill took place. According to test results, of the one-hundred, fifty-seven (157) sirens in Franklin County, all sirens sounded .

Through a series of audible and inaudible tests, the Agency diligently maintains the sire fleet.

FCEM&HS anticipates installing five (5) new sirens in Pleasant Township

It is recommended that all residences and places of business purchase and use a tone weather alert radio.

and one (1) in Madison Township in April.

Remember the sirens are intended to

be heard by people outdoors. It is recommended that all residences and places of business **purchase and use** a tone weather alert radio. The information which sounds over the radio comes directly from the National Weather Service in Wilmington Ohio.

During inclement weather, monitoring local radio and television stations is also advocated.

Statewide Tornado Drill



The Statewide Tornado Drill was held at 9:50 am on Wednesday, March 25th.

If your entity participated in a tornado drill/training at your facility sometime during the month

of March, we would appreciate if you

would send a report to our office. We are looking for when you conducted your drill/training and the number of participants.

You can log onto our website to access a form to report your information:

<http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/>.

Click on the "Status of the Outdoor Warning Sirens" link on the left side of the page and then, under the "Siren Tests" heading, click on the survey

link. Fill out the form and email it to either :

Susan Henry at:

sehenry@franklincountyohio.gov

or Nancy Truesdell at

nstruesd@franklincountyohio.gov

or fax a copy to 614-882-3209.

For all those entities that report their participation, a certificate of participation will be mailed to your business/agency.

Colonel retires after 30 years of service

Story by Cpl. Kari D. Keeran

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Among family and friends, Col. Michael R. Pannell said farewell to the Marine Corps Reserves during his retirement ceremony here March 20.

"I got more out of the Marine Corps than it gave to me," said Pannell. "I am thankful for the many opportunities and experiences I have had."

Pannell served thirty years in the United States Marine Corps. He received his commission as a second lieutenant after graduating from Ohio State University in 1978.

Pannell served in a number of key billets during his career, including as the chief of staff for the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Camp Lejeune, N.C. in 2002; as commander, U.S. Marine Forces Central Command Djibouti, Africa in 2003; and beginning in April 2005, as the commanding officer of a border transition team deployed along the

Syrian border, in Al Anbar Province, Iraq for 12 months.

His most recent billet was serving as deputy commander, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, from September 2006 until January 2009. During this time, he also served as chief of staff for eight months. In July 2008, Pannell returned to Columbus, Ohio as the director of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security. John A. Wolfe, mayor of the city of Whitehall, Ohio, proclaimed Friday, March 20, 2009 as Colonel Michael R. Pannell, USMC (ret.) Day, during Pannell's retirement ceremony.

According to the proclamation, Pannell is "one such individual who early in life exhibited talent in academics and athletics while attending Whitehall Yearling High School; and whereas, active and reserve tours of duty through the ensuing years, both domestic and foreign brought greater responsibilities commensurate with rank and knowledge of mission."

Pannell was also awarded the Legion of Merit, gold star in lieu of second award, for his exceptional performance while serving as the deputy commander and chief of staff.

According to the warrant, Pannell's "extensive background in operational and joint planning, programming and budgeting, as well as his firm grasp of defense policy issues was instrumental in forging 4th Marine Division positions on a variety of issues of significance to the future and sustained health of the Marine Corps and the national security of the United States."

"You can't do any of this without a great support team and your spouse is the key to that support team," said Pannell after receiving the award.

In summing up Pannell's lifelong dedication to public service, Maj. Gen. James L. Williams, commanding general, 4th Marine Division, concluded, "The Marine Corps' loss is certainly the state of Ohio's gain."



FCEM&HS Director & Deputy Director receive awards

On March 20, 2009, before the ceremony for Director Mike Pannell's retirement from the Marine Corps, the Director and Deputy Director received awards from the Marine Corps.

Both Director Pannell and Deputy Director Darrel Koerber were presented the Legion of Merit award. The award was presented to them by Major General James L. Williams.



Clear Channel Helping FCEM&HS Inform & Alert Public

FCEM&HS has been working with the Clear Channel Digital Outdoor Network to provide up-to-date public messages to help citizens stay informed.

The digital billboards were used during Severe Weather Awareness Week as shown in the photo to the left.

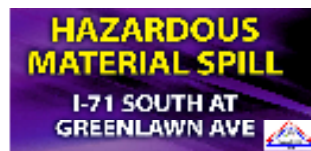
The digital billboards (shown below) will be used to alert citizens of tornado watches and warnings that

have been issued for Franklin County by the National Weather Service (NWS) and other important information shown below.

This is another tool in the FCEM&HS warning systems.



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TornadoWarningbulletin.psd



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SirenTestingbulletin.psd



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TornadoWatchbulletin.psd



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FCEM&HS Educates Second Graders on Tornado Safety

On March 25, 2009, National Tornado Safety Day, three (3) Second Grade classes from Worthington Christian Elementary School visited FCEM&HS to learn about tornado safety.

Director Pannell welcomed the students into the EOC and gave them an overview of the agency and spoke on tornado safety then answered questions.

The classes were moved into the assessment room to view the siren map as the Statewide test was being conducted; watching it turn different colors as the test was completed.

The students returned to the EOC to hear additional safety tips from the staff who demonstrated how to “**DUCK**” (D—Go **DOWN** to the lowest level, U—Get **UNDER** something, C—**COVER** your head, K—**KEEP** in shelter until the storm has passed).

Before returning to school, the students got the opportunity to learn about hazmat safety and tour one of the hazmat vehicles courtesy of the City of Columbus Division of Fire.

FCEM&HS was pleased to receive thank you letters written by the students for allowing them to visit and learn about tornado safety.



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Nancy Truesdell, Office Manager

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Upcoming Events

April 5	Palm Sunday
April 12	Easter
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
June 21-27	National Lightning Safety Awareness Week

Upcoming Trainings*

April 10	Homeland Security Planning for Campus Executives
April 14-16	Threat & Risk Assessment
April 20-22	Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents
May 5-7	Agricultural & Food Vulnerability Assessment
May 14	Long Term Care Forum
July 21-23	ICS 300/400
August 4-6	Planning for Special Needs, Liberty Twp. FD, 7761 Liberty Rd., Powell
August 26-27	Enhanced Threat & Risk Assessment

*All Trainings are held at 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd., Columbus unless otherwise noted.

Please visit our website for additional training opportunities in 2009:
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Upcoming Exercises

April 7	Capital University TTX
April 29	Franklin Co. & Delaware Co. LEPC EOC Driven Full-Scale Exercise
June 2	Jewish Federation IED TTX
June 18	Operation Pills in People TTX/Drill
Aug. 17-20	Operation Pills in People FSE
Sept. 17	Regional IED FSE (Madison & Franklin Co.)

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Upcoming Meetings

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April 7	10:00am	FCPCSA
April 7	1:30pm	Central Ohio Data Tech & Ops Subcommittee
April 8	9:00am	NAS-T @ Washington Twp. Fire Department
April 8	1:30pm	800 MHz Advisory
April 14	9:00am	FCFCA
April 14	1:30pm	800 MHz Service
April 15&16	8:00am-5:00pm	EMAO Meeting & Spring Director's Conference @ University Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 3110 Olentangy River Road
April 28	10:00am	CEPAC Planning, Exercise & Training
May 6	10:00am	HSAC @ Columbus Airport
May 12	9:00am	FCFCA
May 13	9:00am	NAS-T—location TBD
May 19	11:30am	Franklin Co. Citizens Corp @ Columbus Police Training Academy
May 20	9:30am	FCEM&HS Executive Committee
May 27	9:00am	9-1-1 Managers
June 2	10:00am	FCPCSA
June 9	9:00am	FCFCA
June 10	9:00am	NAS-T—location TBD
June 12	9:00am	Full CEPAC—location TBD
July 1	10:00am	HSAC @ Columbus Police Training Academy
July 2	1:30pm	800 MHz Safety